

Julie Masters, Mayor  
Charles Suderman, Mayor Pro Tem  
Sean Skipworth  
Walter Wilson

**MINUTES**  
City of Dickinson  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Wally Deats  
Louis Decker  
William H. King III  
Chris Heard, City Administrator

**August 25, 2020**

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced **REGULAR MEETING** on **Tuesday, August 25, 2020**, at **7:00 p.m.** In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Dickinson, Texas conducted the meeting by telephone and video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The meeting was held for the purpose of considering the following items:

**ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Mayor Masters called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. City Secretary Alun Thomas called roll and certified a quorum. Council Members present were as follows: Mayor Julie Masters, Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Suderman, and Council Members Sean Skipworth, Walter Wilson, Wally Deats, Louis Decker, and William H. King, III. Also present were City Administrator Chris Heard, Finance Director Penny Hunter, and Police Chief Ron Morales.

**ITEM 2.) INVOCATION**

Pastor Jack Matkin of First United Methodist Church of Dickinson gave the invocation.

**ITEM 3.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member King led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 4.) PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

**ITEM 5.) ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Council Comments.**

- Welcome to everyone attending the meeting.
- The next Knights of Columbus fish fry will be on September 4 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. and will be drive-through only.
- Festival of Lights will hold a planning meeting later this month.
- Hurricane Laura is approaching the Texas coast, and everyone needs to be prepared. Council Member Deats expressed his concern that there is currently a barge blocking about two-thirds of Dickinson Bayou at Interstate 45, which might present an issue in a hurricane. Mayor

Masters said that earlier today she issued a disaster declaration and ordered a voluntary evacuation.

- Council Member Decker said that the trees overhanging our rights-of-way are unsightly, and wondered if Keep Dickinson Beautiful could help encourage residents to trim their own trees back from the rights-of-way.
- Condolences to the family of Claire Rhoads, on her recent passing-away. A frequent attendee of Dickinson City Council meetings, Ms. Rhoads will be dearly missed.
- Condolences to the Reed family on their recent loss.
- At 2920 Highway 3, there will be free milk distributed on Friday, and free food distributed on Saturday. Thank you to Borden's and to Hillman's seafood for their support.
- There will be a Black Lives Matter march this Saturday, starting at 10:30 a.m.
- Condolences to the family of Paul Tibaldo on his recent passing-away. Mr. Tibaldo was a member of Knights of Columbus and also served for twelve years as the president of Galveston County Fair & Rodeo.
- Condolences to the family of Robbie Club, whose cousin passed away.

#### **ITEM 6.) REPORTS:**

- A. Update on Activities of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (Council Member King).

Council Member King thanked Mayor Masters, City Administrator Chris Heard, and City Secretary Alun Thomas for distributing records related to this item to the Council. He discussed Houston-Galveston Area Council programs and its budget, noting that he was very proud to lead that meeting. Council Member King reminded everyone that September 30 is the last day to respond to the Census.

- B. Update on Activities of the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Partnership (Council Member Decker).

Council Member Decker said that the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Partnership meeting that was scheduled was cancelled at 8:00 a.m. this morning due to Hurricane Laura approaching the area.

- C. City Administrator's Report and Update on Public Works Projects (City Administrator Chris Heard).

City Administrator Chris Heard briefed Council on the City's preparations for Hurricane Laura. All essential staff are to report to work at 6:00 a.m. tomorrow through 6:00 p.m. on Thursday. Non-essential staff need not report to work, but may if they wish. In response to a question from Council, Mr. Heard said that City Hall will be open to the public tomorrow.

Mr. Heard said that the City is planning for a direct hit from a major hurricane. He said that Detective Vasquez has been assigned as the Communications Team Leader, leading a team of 6 staff members who, with approval from Mayor Masters and Mr. Heard, will disseminate information to the public. Crowder-Gulf, with whom the City contracts for disaster cleanup assistance, is ready to assist the City.

Mayor Masters informed Council that the Emergency Operations Center for Hurricane Laura has been moved to Central Fire Station, the call center will be at the police department, and cots will be set up at City Hall for police and fire personnel. Seventeen public works employees will be sleeping at the public works building.

- ITEM 7.) PUBLIC COMMENTS:** At this time, any person with city-related business may speak to the Council. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, The City Council may not deliberate. **Comments from the public should be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per individual speaker.**

None.

- ITEM 8.) CONSENT AGENDA: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**  
The following items are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion on these items unless a Council member requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and discussed after the consent agenda.
- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Special Workshop Meeting of August 11, 2020.
  - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 11, 2020.
  - C. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of August 17, 2020.
  - D. Resolution Number 1855-2020 – **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DICK H. GREGG, III, AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
  - E. Resolution Number 1856-2020 – **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN MCCUMBER AS AN ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE; ESTABLISHING THE**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- F. Resolution Number 1857-2020 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF J. T. 'TED' MORA, JR. AS AN ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and Council Member Deats seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

**VOTE:**

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

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**MOTION PASSED**

- ITEM 9.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Resolution Number 1858-2020 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, AWARDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #2005 FOR GRANT SERVICES TO PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AUTHORIZING SUCH SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member King made a motion to approve the Resolution, and Council Member Decker seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

**VOTE:**

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

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**MOTION PASSED**

- ITEM 10.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Resolution Number 1859-2020 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – MITIGATION (CDBG-MIT) FUND OF THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE, HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) OF THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (TDEM);

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE AN AGREEMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the Resolution, and Council Member King seconded the motion. Council Member Deats asked for clarification on the scope of the agreement, with City Administrator Chris Heard explaining that the scope was limited to just this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

**VOTE:**

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

**ITEM 11.) CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING:** Zoning Case **SUP 2020-0470**, A Request for a Specific Use Permit On Approximately 2.001 Acres, for a "Restaurant That Serves Alcohol" and a "Restaurant That Has a Drive-Through Window" in the "NC" (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District, Legally Described As Dickinson Crossing (2006) Abstract 19, Lot A, 2.001 Acres, Generally Located South of FM 517 and West of Evergreen, With the Address Being 628 FM 517 W, Dickinson, Texas 77539.

Mayor Masters opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

**A. Staff Presentation**

Mayor Masters said that the request is for the facility that used to be occupied by Flippers Coastal Seafood.

**B. Applicant's Statement**

Angelo Arriaga, 2899 Flower Creek Lane, Dickinson, Texas – Mr. Arriaga said that he was glad to be here, and excited to open his business.

**C. Those in Favor**

None.

**D. Those Opposed**

None.

**E. Applicant Rebuttal**

None.

F. Adjourn Public Hearing

Mayor Masters adjourned the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

**ITEM 12.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Ordinance Number XXX-2020 (Zoning Case SUP 2020-0470) – **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY, ORDINANCE NUMBER 420-2001, AS HERETOFORE AMENDED, TO GRANT SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NUMBER SUP 2020-0470 ALLOWING THE APPLICANT TO USE THE PROPERTY FOR A RESTAURANT THAT SERVES ALCOHOL AND A RESTAURANT THAT HAS A DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOW; SUCH PROPERTY BEING LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS ± 2.001 ACRES IN DICKINSON CROSSING (2006) ABSTRACT 19, LOT A, 2.001 ACRES, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 628 FM 517 WEST, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF FM 517 AND WEST OF EVERGREEN IN THE CITY OF DICKINSON, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS, PRESENTLY ZONED NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (“NC”); PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; DIRECTING A CHANGE ACCORDINGLY IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 FOR EACH DAY OF VIOLATION HEREOF; AND PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE, A SAVINGS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** (First of Three Readings)

Council Member Suderman made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance, and Council Member King seconded the motion. Council Member Skipworth said that making new businesses apply for Specific Use Permits (SUPs) for the same type of business that was in the building before is redundant. He suggested that the requirement be removed. Council briefly discussed whether SUPs should still be tied to applicants, with the consensus of Council preferring the status quo of requiring new SUPs for new applicants. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

**VOTE:**

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

**ITEM 13.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The City Council will now hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon’s Texas Codes annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- A. Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney regarding pending litigation and matters in which the duty of the City Attorney requires to be discussed in closed meeting.



B. Section 551.072 – Deliberation Regarding Real Property – Discussion Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property.

C. Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters to finalize the evaluations of the City Administrator, City Secretary, and Chief of Police.

Mayor Masters recessed the regular meeting at 7:57 p.m.

**ITEM 14.) RECONVENE**

Mayor Masters reconvened the regular meeting at 9:09 p.m.

**ITEM 15.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Matters Discussed in Executive Session.

None.

**ITEM 16.) ADJOURN**

Council Member Deats made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m., and Council Member King seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

**VOTE:**

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

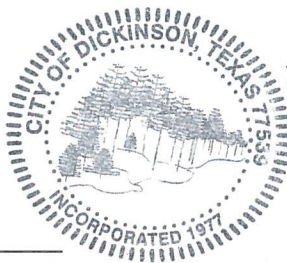
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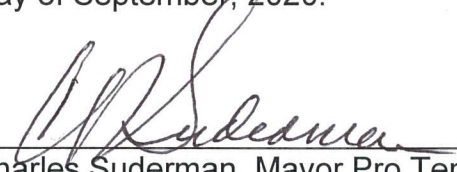
**MOTION PASSED**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this the 8th day of September, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

  
Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary



  
Charles Suderman, Mayor Pro Tem